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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 27 December 2004.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 1-44 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) 1-16,21-38 and 40 is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 17,18,39,41,43 and 44 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 42 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) All b) Some * c) None of:

1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ .
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. This Office Action is responsive to communications filed on December 27, 2004. Applicant's arguments, with respect to claims 1-16, 21-38, 40 and 42 have been fully considered and are persuasive. The rejection of claims 1-16, 21-38, 40 and 42 has been withdrawn.

Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 17-18, 39, 41 and 43-44 have been considered but are moot in view of the new grounds of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.

3. Claims 17-18, 39, 41, and 43-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Atkinson et al (US 6,381,239).

As shown in Figures 1-8, Atkinson discloses a method comprising storing a number of sets of static data (boot program, or tables and software required for call processing) across more than one memory unit of at least two memory units (12 1, 125 or 123, 127; col. 17: line 57 - col. 18: line 12);

storing a number of sets of dynamic data (abbreviated database) within a single memory unit (15; col. 18: lines 12-39), such that a processing unit (12, 16) can read the set of static data from any of the at least two memory units (cols. 17-25, esp. col. 17: lines 32-40 and 62-67); the number of sets of the static data includes a forwarding table for data transmission (col. 18: lines

4-12); the number of sets of dynamic data includes data packets (frames; col. 1: lines 22-56) to be processed by a processing unit (12, 16, 124) within a network element (col. 17: lines 32-57, and col. 18: lines 37-39); a first data packet of the data packets (information relating to a trunk, line, etc.) is stored across more than one of the number of sets of dynamic data (122, 126, or a common database on a separate card, or external computer; col. 18: lines 31-34); and storing a pointer to a first set of dynamic data (col. 18: lines 25-30).

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 1-16, 21-38 and 40 are allowed.

Claim 42 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

See previous Office Action for Reason for Allowance.

Conclusion

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Van Kim T. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-3073. The examiner can normally be reached on 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Zarni Maung, can be reached on 571-272-3939. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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